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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated September 24, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7, 21-24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 7 and 21-24 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

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7. (Twice Amended) A network system composed of a print server computer and a plurality of client computers, wherein each of the print server computers and the plurality of client computers has a print data expander for expanding print data to bit-map data in parallel, wherein

each of the plurality of client computers comprises:

a page divider for dividing generated print data for each page into a plurality of bands, wherein the generated print data is generated by an application; and

a transfer controller for transferring a sequentially selected one of the bands to an available one of print data expanders of the print server computer and other client